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To the Reader:

This daily record writen by an eighteen year old Union soldier of the Civil war was begun at Bolivar, Tenn., five days after the battle of Hatchie River. A condensed history of the regiment of southern Indiana volunteers with which he served, is included herewith.

Penned on the fly leaf of the pocket size book in which he wrote, is the following:

TO THE PUBLIC
This Journal, if Lost--The Person
Finding and Returning It To---
DANIEL HUGHES, A Member of
Company E. 25th Regt. of Indiana Volunteers
Shall B Rewarded to Satisfaction.
Bolivar, Tenn. Oct.14, 1862

His short diary tells of the clean up actions following the battle of Shiloh in 1862 and the development of the siege and capture of Vicksburg the following year, as seen from a Military Police assignment at Memphis, Tenn.

Most interesting, is the telling of his furlough home after the tensions of Vicksburg subsided. Back to the counties of Spencer and Dubois in the heart of the Indiana Lincoln country, where many were still living who worked and played with young Abe thirty five years before, and their sons made up much of Company E.

Mentions Sgt. W.L.Woods, son of Squire Woods from whom Abraham secured newspapers. The Hammond Family of Grandview. Uncle Thos. Medcalf, grist miller of Dale. Morris of Centryville. The Shiveleys and Williams of Huntingburg, and Constable David Turnham of Dale, perhaps the most noteworthy of all. From him Lincoln at the age of eighteen borrowed the first law book he ever read. The origional Turnham home still stands. These names and others given us by soldier Hughes are also found in the highly authenticated Lincoln's Youth-Indiana Years; Louis A. Warren 1959.

Daniel Hughes was the son of Dr. J.H. Hughes, first physician to locate in Huntingburg, and his wife Elizabeth, and a grandson of pioneer Daniel Hughes who migrated from Ohio to Spencer County among the earlier settlers.

Amarillo, Texas
May 30, 1960
Claud McDaniel

Monday Oct 13, 1862. Go on picket south of camp at 8 o'clock. Sgt. W. L. Wood starts to Ind. to recruit. Major Gen. Hurlburt takes cars for his com'd in Ky. Three parting cheers were given at the Depot by the 25th. News favorable from Ky. & Vir.

Tuesday, Oct. 14. Weather clear & pleasant. Mr. Mason, from Ind. made his arrival by cars on a visit to his wounded son. Relieved off picket at 8 A.M. War news very favorable from East & Ky. Time passed pleasantly, and hope profitably.

Wednesday Oct. 15. Weather beautiful. Hear of Bragg defeat in Ky. He is reported killed. Company drill in morning. Battallion in afternoon. No news of interest from Virginia. Wrote letter to my sister.

Thursday Oct. 16. Weather running the same. News continues favorable. Day passed as usual. Drills repeated. Boys all in good health and spirits. Wounded in Hospital doing well. Expecting marching orders for Jackson, Tenn.

Friday Oct. 17. Weather still beautiful. No drill today. No news of importance. Day passed pleasantly. Orders for picket in the morning.

Saturday Oct. 18. Weather continues the same. On picket at 8 A.M. Picket line advanced a quarter of mile. Pickets have a good time.

Sunday Oct. 19. Weather still the same. Quite ill this morning & returned to camp early, remained in my tent all day. High fever and pain in head & breast, fever abated some toward nightfall.

Monday Oct. 20. No change in weather, but we had quite a frost to visit us last night. Felt some better this morning, but rested poorly last night. Light fever today. Comp. & Batallion drill. No special news.

Tuesday Oct. 21. Weather beautiful. Company drill in fore and afternoon. Continue to improve in health. Wrote two letters to J. H. add H. H. No news of Ind. Still camped in the old cotton field.

Wednesday Oct. 22. Weather continues the same in bright and pleasant days. Health continues to improve. Company drill on fore and Battalion in afternoon. Wrote long letter home. Nothing took place to relieve the monotony of camp life.

Thursday Oct. 23. Day the same as the former day. Went on picket in usual place. Nice time. Neighborhood and days pleasant. Nothing ~~diverting~~ Diverting occured on picket. Not so well today as yesterday. 2nd. birthday in the Army.

Friday Oct. 24. Weather beautiful in forenoon, but cloudy in afternoon. Relieved off of picket. Battalion drill at 2 P. M. 30 prisioners brought in from Brownsville. Also 100 horses and mules.

Saturday Oct. 25. Weather cold and blustery in fore and snow in afternoon. Night very cold. Day spent trying to make ourselves as comfortable as possible. Wind blew furiously. The prisoners went north. No other news.

Sunday Oct. 26. Sun rose clear, but wind soon rose making the day very raw. Intelligence received that a large body of Rebels were marching on Bolivar. Great excitment among the troops, building breastworks. 3 days rations in haversacks;

Monday Oct. 27. Morning cold, afternoon pleasant. Remain in camp. Detail still at work on B. Works. No news of importance. Day passed pleasantly with some excitement about enlisting regulars.

Tuesday Oct. 28. Day beautiful and clear. On picket again. A fire occurs among our blankets and accoutrements. I lose three blankets and my gun was badly injured. Day spent pleasantly and night came cold upon us blanketless fellows. No news of special interest.

Wednesday Oct. 29. No change in weather. Relieved off picket. Capt. Jones arrives from the Hoosier state. Fortifying still going on. Nothing occures of special mention. Camp guard renewed, with strict orders from Gen. McPherson, Commander of Post. Camp policed.

Thursday Oct. 30. Weather clear and nice. The regular business proves to be all fudge, and the excitement dies down. Nothing transpiring to relieve the dull monotony of camp life. My health continues to improve, but the ague has fastened on several of the boys.

Friday Oct. 31. Weather clear and warm. General muster this morning. Reviewed by Major General Mc Pherson in afternoon. Nothing of unusual interest occured today. All the exercises passed off pleasantly, occupying the entire day.

Saturday Nov. 1. Weather warm and cloudy. Fortifying still goes on. Several regiments of new troops arrive. No news from Virginia and Kentucky. Guerrilla fighting still goes on in Missouri. All quite at Bolivor.

Sunday Nov. 2. Weather cloudy and windy. Usual day for picket in the usual place. New troops continue to arrive, cavalry, artillery and infantry. Continual bustle about and around the depot. Wrote two letters to Centryville; one to E. C. one to S. A. S.

Monday Nov. 3. Weather beautiful. Returned to camp at daylight. Find the regiment preparing to march. Start at 7 A.M. March in the direction of Grand Junction about 8 miles, and camp for the night.

Tuesday Nov. 4. Weather the same as yesterday. Take up the line of march at 8 A.M. 25th (Reg) in advance of army. Pass through Van Buren at 8 and march into La Grange at 4 P.M. Saw the Rebels retreating toward Holly Springs, and occupy our former camp. Have the ague.

Wednesday Nov. 5. Weather clear and cool, remain in camp all day. Some picket skirmishing, and an engagement anticipated. Quite unwell, suffering with the ague.

Thursday Nov. 6. Weather the same. Expecting marching orders. The boys still under guard for plundering a house yesterday; All quiet at La Grange.

Friday Nov. 7. Weather cold and gusty. On camp guard. Draw overcoats, other clothing at Bolivar, for which we stand in great need. Draw rations and hold in readiness for a march. Have the ague again.

Saturday No. 8. Weather cool and clear. Received orders to march at 8 A.M. Take up our line of march for Cold Water. Some skirmishing in evening, encamp 8 miles from Cold Water. A battle is expected in the morning. Have another ague.

Sunday Nov. 9. Weather warm. More skirmishing. 125 prisioners taken. Take up our line of march for La Grange at 2 o'clock P.M. Arrive at 8 P.M. very tired.

Monday Nov. 10. Weather continues bright and warm. All quiet at La Grange. Staid in camp all day passing the time in reading and writing.

Tuesday Nov. 11. Weather same as the day previous. Draw out new uniform which we were needing very badly. Nothing of interest occured. McClellan makes a movement forward.

Wednesday Nov. 12. Rained quite a shower last night and the day is dark and cloudy. Went on picket West of La Grange on the Memphis R.R. Had quite a nice time.

Thursday Nov. 13. Weather clear, warm and pleasant. Relieved off pickett, remained in camp all day. Nothing occured of interest. All quite at La Grange.

Friday Nov. 14. Weather clear and pleasant. Nothing occured today to relieve the dull monotony of camp life.

Saturday Nov. 15. Weather continuing the same. Still in camp. The boys play ball for amusement. No "season" here to annoy us.

Sunday Nov. 16. Weather cloudy with appearance of rain. Company inspection at 9 with no church today. Our chaplain appears to have forgotten us entirely. Visited the 58th in evening.

Monday Nov. 17. Weather cool and cloudy. Nothing of interest occured today. Receive the intelligence that McClellan is superseded by Burnside, and Gen. Hamilton occupies Holly Springs.

Tuesday Nov. 18. Weather cloudy all day and rained all night. On picket west of La Grange. Had a miserable time of picketing.

Wednesday Nov. 19. Weather rained until after daylight, then cleared off and a beautiful day followed. Relieved off picket at 8 A.M. Returned to camp. Day spent in drying blankets and clothing.

Thursday Nov. 20. Weather beautiful. Staid in camp all day, no news of importance. Time passed pleasantly. It was one of those days on which soldiers enjoy themselves.

Friday Nov. 21. Weather continues fine. News favorable from the East. Burnside makes a forward movement.

Saturday Nov. 22. Weather continues fine with heavy frost at night and days warm. Company on provost guard at Gen. Vaubch's Headquarters. Nothing occured of interest. Received intellegence of the Battle of Bayou Lea Fourache. Pelles defeated.

Sunday Nov. 23. No change in the weather. Regt. on General Review at 10 A.M. Reviewed by Major Gen. McPherson. Company E. on provost guard and did not go on review. Wrote 2 letters in the evening.

Monday Nov. 24. Weather still remains fine. Usual day for pick and go on in our old position. Heard cannonading in the direction of Holly Springs. Received no particulars.

Tuesday Nov. 25. Weather is still nice and pleasant. Relieved off picket and returned to camp. Reviewed by Major Gen. U. S. Grant at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday Nov. 26. Weather cool and clear. Nothing occured today worthy of notice.

Thursday Nov. 27. Weather cool and continued fair. Received orders to march precisely at 8 A.M. tomorrow.

Friday Nov. 28. Weather changeable. Order for marching countermanded. Brigade leaves for Holly Springs 53 Ind. Transferred to 3 rd Brigade--- Ordered to march at 9 tomorrow morning.

Saturday Nov. 29. Weather clear and pleasant. Strike camp and march at the appointed hour. Go to Davis Mills, 7 miles from LeGrange. Companies E, K, ~~B~~ G, and ~~G~~ B ordered to Lamar, 6 miles further on the R.R.

Sunday Nov. 30. Day cloudy. On Provost guard in Lamar. Nothing occured worth of note. This Sabbath passed away without the day being kept Holy.

Monday Dec. 1, 1862. Weather cloudy and threatening rain. Companys E & C go toward Holly Springs to guard the R.R. Company E attacked by Guerilles and after a sharp skirmish the enemy dispersed, having hurt no person.

Tuesday Dec. 2. Considerable rain fell today. Still at the R.R. bridge. Have had nothing to disturb us since last night. All remains quiet along the R.R. On guard today.

Wednesday Dec. 3. Weather continues foul. Nothing exciting occured today. Guerillas have agreed to pay us another visit and we are ready to receive them.

Thursday Dec. 4. Weather cloudy and threatening rain. Our camp equipage is brought down and a permanent camp is at last pitched. 6 men from the 29 Ill. were captured by the guerillas.

Friday Dec. 5. Weather still continues bad. The 6 Ill. boys paroled and arrived at Lamar. Time passed pleasantly. Have a nice camp and plenty to eat.

Saturday Dec. 6. Cleared off last night and the ground was covered with frost, this morning. Day spent in making ourselves comfortable in camp.

Sunday Dec. 7. Day beautiful. On guard today. Nothing of interest occured today. News from our army is favorable.

Monday Dec. 8. Weather continues clear and cold. Day spent in camp. Time passed quite pleasantly. No news.

Tuesday Dec. 9. No change in weather. Went to Lamar and after making a few purchases from sutler, returned highly delighted with visit.

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[illegible]

[illegible] Guards [illegible] Nothing occurred [illegible] Guerillas fired into us. [illegible] Nothing done to damage.

Sunday [illegible] Weather continues cloudy. No news. All quiet along the railroad. Day spent in writing letters and reading.

Monday Dec. 15. Heavy rain. A train passed laden with live stock in the shape "Chickens" prisioners taken by Grant. Remained in camp. Day passed dreary.

Tuesday Dec. 16. Weather clear and cool. On guard again. A train passed laden with the principal officers of the prisioners that went north yesterday. [illegible]

Wednesday Dec. 17. Weather continues very fine. Nothing has occured today. Every thing remains quiet along the Railroad. We hear nothing from Grant's army.

Thursday Dec. 18. Day fair and pleasant. Wrote letters home. The remainder of the day was spent in reading.

Friday Dec. 19. Weather clear. On guard. Rebels threatening Pickens. Tom Gantung one Battery and 500 Cavalry. Great excitement.

Saturday Dec. 20. Weather beautiful. "Rebel Gen." Van Dorn attacted our [illegible] burnt [illegible], 2 locomotives, large [illegible] [illegible] Sent all our baggage to Macon.

Sunday Dec. 21. Frost and cold on us blankets. Follows. [illegible] Rebels [illegible] noon. [illegible] Dearing Mill [illegible] expected [illegible] night [illegible] of Rich. [illegible]

[illegible] Weather clear and warm. No attack this morning. [illegible] to report night [illegible] and [illegible]. Our [illegible] got through safe. [illegible] yesterday was 18 killed and 100 wounded, 20 prisioners [illegible] 31 prisioners. We keep on our guard.

Tuesday Dec. 23. Night cool and day pleasant. Called up early. 5 regts Cavalry from Grantie army arrive at daylight. A brigade of infantry [illegible] Gen. Hutchison. The Rebels will be compelled to leave [illegible]

Wednesday Dec. 24. Weather cloudy with light showers of rain. Passed the night in peace, returned to Bridge before breakfast, found everything [illegible] left.

Thursday Dec. 25. Cloudy with rain. Hear of fighting at Middleburgh [illegible] of guard at 8 A.M. Write a letter to friends. Rebels [illegible] celebrated day. No news from Grantie army.

Friday Dec. 26. Rained all day, and of course I staid under shelter. Heard today that the Rebels had effected their escape and were skirmishing at Pochahontas. Train passed toward Holly Springs with our car attached.

Saturday Dec. 27. Rained with heavy thunder nearly all day, and turned cool at night. Hear that Burnside is defeated. Learn that Grant's army is falling back to Holly Springs. Trains now run regular.

Sunday Dec. 28. We were welcomed this morning to a heavy frost, and a fine prospect of good weather for a while. A large train from H. S. passed down with the engineer corpse aboard, who are to refit and repair the Memphis & LaGrange R.R.

Monday Dec. 29. Weather fair. A large train of wagons foraged this part of the country for Grant's army. Nothing of interest transpired. Hear that Burnside has met with a total defeat.

Tuesday Dec. 30. Cloudy with high cold wind. The Emancipation Bill has passed Congress, and the Negro will undoubtedly be freed. No news.

Wednesday Dec. 31. Cleared off and moderated and we enjoy a fine day, which allthough sunshiney enough, I fear it will be long remembered as the first day of fresh troubles. The majority of the soldiers are not in favor of the emancipation scheme of the Abolitionists and who blames them.

Jan. 1, 1863. Weather mild with morn clear and afternoon cloudy. New Year was passed without any more attention than the common days of the week. Any more than from today the Negro dates his freedom.

Friday Jan. 2. Cloudy and rain. The day passed as usual, reading and writing. No talk of winter quarters. Indeed we need none in this excellent Cline. All we need is shelter from the rain. We have thunder and lightning very often.

Saturday Jan. 3. Cloudy with showers of rain. Visited Mr. Hull today and found him quite an agreeable companion. Spent a delightful hour in his and family's residence. Took dinner also.

Sunday Jan. 4. Arose early and found the sky clear and a beautiful day followed again. I was on guard. This is my luck to be on guard Sunday. Glad I will be, when guard ceases entirely and citizens and soldiers live in peace again.

Monday Jan. 5. Another beautiful day followed, but a high cool wind at night. Hear that the battle at Jackson is rather more serious than first expected. Hear no news from Richmond. All is not right, I am afraid.

Tuesday Jan. 6. Weather clear. Received orders to prepare to march at moments warning. All is quiet on this R.R. but a large force is threatening the Memphis R.R.

Wednesday Jan. 7. Cloudy with light showers of rain. Marching orders countermanded, and we are likely to remain on this R.R. until it is of no further use to us. Hear of Gen. Sherman's attact on Viburg and his repulse.

Thursday Jan. 8. Rained all day and all night. On guard. Trains are busy transporting the sick and hospital stores from Holly Springs, preparatory to evacuating this part of the country. Learn that Gen. Rosscrans had defeated Bragg at Murfeesboro.

Friday Jan. 9. Cloudy with drizzling rain. Trains continually pass loaded with cotton, Negroes and arry stores. The Negroes seem to be the direct cause of all our troubles.

Saturday Jan. 10. Dry, clear and warm. Went to Lamar in the morn. Received intelligence that Vicksburg was ours, with loss of Gen. Sherman and Hovey. Also learned that Rosecrans had succeeded in defeating Bragg. Expecting marching orders.

Sunday Jan. 11. Weather very warm. Troops continue to pass on the road. Rebel Cavalry in Holly Springs at daylight. Prepare to march. Start at 1 o'clock and reach Davis Mills at night. Slept in the mill.

Monday Jan. 12. Weather warm and clear. Pitched camp, and I spent the day in writing letters. No news of importance.

Tuesday Jan. 13. Weather fair in morn. Start foraging but ordered back, expect marching orders. The remainder of the day I spent in writing letters.

Wednesday Jan. 14. Rained all day. Did not stir out any during the day. Expect orders to go to Memphis. No news.

Thursday Jan. 15. Snowed all day long without ceasing. On pickett at a church west of camp.

Friday Jan. 16. Cloudy and cold. Relieved off pickett and returned to camp. Received orders to march at 8 A.M. tomorrow, with two days ratios. Day spent in getting ready to march.

Saturday Jan. 17. Clear and very cold. On fatigue at daylight bridgeing the R.R. trestles. March at 1 o'clock. Pass through LeGrange and camp on high timbered ridge west of town, in sight of our old camp.

Sunday Jan. 18. Weather changeable. Took cars in evening and arrived at Memphis at 9 o'clock at night. Took quarters in the Gayozo Block. Nothing of special interest occured during our ride.

Monday Jan. 19. Cloudy with drizzling rain. Staid in quarters nearly all day. Could not stir about on account of provost guard. Called up at ten o'clock to break up a riot at the theatre which we did, and lodged about 300 of the intruders in the Ferring Block Prision.

Tuesday Jan. 20. Weather still bad. Snow is melting fast. Newspapers informed us that Rebels had been defeated at Springfield, Mo. No other news. General McArthur's Division is lying before Memphis on boats ready to move for Vicksburg.

Wednesday Jan. 21. Snow has nearly disapeared. Cloudy with rain. Nothing occured worth of notice. Remained in quarters all day.

Thursday Jan. 22. Weather the same. Quiet reigned through out the city, during the day. Was on guard. No news of interest.

Friday Jan. 23. Cloudy with considerable rain, relieved off guard at 9 A.M. Received orders to march. Started at 12 and camped in surburbs of city near the fort.

Saturday Jan. 24. Cloudy with light showers of rain. Heavy guard detailed this morning, for provost in city. No news worthy of note.

Sunday Jan. 25. Cloudy with heavy rain in morning. On provost guard. Day & night passed off quitely. Troops continue to arrive from above. The 95th & 32nd., Ohio Regts. arrived. The 32nd was taken prisioners at Harper's Ferry, but have been exchanged.

Monday Jan. 26. No change in weather. Relieved off of guard in morn, and returned to camp. Nothing occured today worthy of note. Expecting the paymaster to pay us a visit every day. His presence would be very agreeable just now.

Tuesday Jan. 27. The sun was seen for a few minutes this morning and then he hid his bright face for the day. On provost guard again. No news of importance.

Wednesday Jan. 28. (The following paragraph was written and marked out without completion.) Weather bad. Roads worse. Nothing occured of interest. We understand that we will be assigned duty. The sun come up bright and clear this morn. Nothing new transpired.

Thursday Jan. 29. Weather very fine. Went on provost guard but returned to camp in evening. Had been seized with a severe tooth ace, which disabled me for duty. Learn that Burnsides, Sumner, and Franklin had been supercceded.

Friday Jan. 30. Weather fine. Remained in camp all day. Quite unwell. No news of interest.

Saturday Jan. 31. Cloudy with drizzling rain in evening. Went to town on provost in morn and was relieved for pay, which we got in the evening.

Sunday Feb. 1. Weather changeable. Went on camp guard but excused by the surgeon, he having extracted a tooth for me. All is quiet at this port.

Monday Feb. 2. Clear and cool. Went in the city on a pass. Returned at 9 at night. Had a pleasant trip and enjoyed augely.

Tuesday Feb. 3. Weather very fine. On provost duty in city. Learn from the paper that Gen. Grant has begun preparations at Vicksburg.

Wednesday Feb. 4. Cloudy with some snow. Returned to camp in morning. Took a stroll through the city in evening, in company with O. S. Morris and Mr. Turnham, who is from Indiana paying his brother a visit.

Thursday Feb. 5. Cloudy and cold. On duty at General Hamilton's Headquarters. Day passed away pleasantly. Night very cold.

Friday Feb. 6. Weather clear and pleasant. Returned to camp in morning. Paid a visit to the city in company with Trent Robinson.

Saturday Feb. 7. Weather warm, staid in camp nearly all day. No news.

Sunday Feb. 8. Warm and cloudy. On duty in city. Took a stroll in suburbs of city in company with J. Murry. Paid a visit to Elmwood Cemetary.

Monday Feb. 9. Beautiful day. Returned to camp and in company with Pal Tomson, paid a fortune teller a short visit.

Tuesday Feb. 10. Rained all day and night. On duty at the steam boat Jarding Had a very unpleasant time. A complete victory was won at Port Donaldson by our troops.

Wednesday Feb. 11. Cloudy with rain. Returned to camp in morning. Nothing of interest occured today.

Thursday Feb. 12. Cloudy and warm. On duty in [illegible] fire occured which did considerable damage before it was extinguished.

Friday Feb. 13. Weather changeable. On returning to camp this morning we found that Jones and Turnham had left the city yesterday for Indiana.

Saturday Feb. 14. Rained all day and night. On duty at Fort Pickens. Nothing transpired worthy of notice. We have no news from below. Companies A & F relieved of Companies H & G.

Sunday Feb. 15. Beautiful day at last. The sun sent down his warm rays, which dried the mud considerably. Went to city on pass.

Monday Feb. 16. Warm and cloudy. Went to Provost Marshall's on special business and returned in evening. Steamboats fired into at [illegible] landing.

Tuesday Feb. 17. Cloudy and warm. Steamboats burned by Rebels, opposite city. Gun boats put them to flight. Go to an Irish wedding and have a pleasant time.

Wednesday Feb. 18. Cloudy and warm. Returned to camp where I remained all day. Gun boats shell woods, opposite Memphis. Several prisioners taken.

Thursday Feb. 19. Clear, but cool. On duty in city. Guerrillas appear opposite Memphis. Hopefield burned and the adjoining woods shelled. Hear that the Gun boat Indianola, passed the Battery at Vicksburg.

Friday Feb. 20. Weather clear and warm. Returned to camp in morning and visited city in the evening. Took quite a pleasant stroll through the city. Time passed pleasantly.

Saturday Feb. 21. Weather clear and cool. In city guarding Government property. Have nice time. No news from below.

Sunday Feb. 22. Weather very pleasant. Returned to camp early in the morning. Visit the city in afternoon. No news. This Sabbath was spnt quite pleasantly.

Monday Feb. 23. Rained in morning. On duty at the same place as day before yesterday. Nothing occured worthy of note.

Tuesday Feb. 24. Weather quite pleasant. First U.S. Regulars left this morning for Vicksburg. Stoid in camp all day.

Wednesday Feb. 25. Rained all day. On guard at the pay Master's office. News papers inform us that the Queen of the West had been captured by the Federals on Red River.

Thursday Feb. 26. Cloudy with some rain. Remained in camp all day. Nothing of interest transpired.

Friday Feb. 27. Day fair and quite pleasant. On duty in city on Shelby St. Time passed quite pleasantly. Messrs. Magnow and Turner [illegible] Ind.

Saturday Feb. 28. Weather warm with rain in evening. Passed the day in the city. No news of interest.

Sunday March 1. Day very beautiful. On duty in city at Shelby Post. Gen. Quisinby's division took boats today to leave for Vicksburg in a day or two.

Monday March 2. Fair weather. Returned to camp in the morning. Passed day pleasantly. No news from below.

[illegible] March 4. Weather unusually fine. [illegible] March 5. [illegible] Passed [illegible] glorious day, [illegible] quietness.

Friday March 6. Weather cloudy with rain. It is said that Friday is a lucky day and this Friday was a lucky one for [illegible] I visited the [illegible] and [illegible] to camp as wet as a fish.

Sunday March 7. Cloudy with some rain. On duty at [illegible] Parker House. [illegible] in most generally and we came without any mass from our ranks.

Monday March 8. Cloudy with rain. Returned to camp in morning. [illegible] camp all day. Wrote letters most of day. Nothing has occurred.

Tuesday March 9. Weather changeable. On duty on Smally Street. [illegible] no mud and plenty of mud.

Wednesday March 10. Weather fair. Remained in camp all day. Spent most of day writing letters. No news of interest.

Thursday March 11. Day beautiful. On duty in former place. News of fighting in Tennessee. Federals defeated with considerable loss at Johnston's Station.

Friday March 12. Weather continues the same. Visited [illegible] to [illegible] about [illegible] boys sick with smallpox, which is very [illegible]

Saturday March 13. Weather the same and roads continue to improve. On duty in the usual place. Corporal Roscoe Sumner died last night in the Louisville Hospital. His loss is felt deeply in Company E.

Sunday March 14. Weather fine. Remained in camp all day. No news of importance, more than Rosecrans is preparing for a forward movement.

Monday March 15. Weather continues pleasant. On duty in the city. The Fourth Illinois Blue encamped just outside of town.

[illegible] March 16. [illegible] news. Visited the 58th. Ind. Returned in evening. [illegible] quite a pleasant trip.

Tuesday March 17. Day very warm. On duty again. Everything remains quiet in Louisville.

[illegible] March 18. Day was hot, with considerable dust in the streets. Spent [illegible] in city. [illegible] Dr. Meadows. The play was good. [illegible] a new show at [illegible] Park.

[illegible] March 19. Day very warm. On duty in the city. Day passed quietly. [illegible]

[illegible] March 20. [illegible] Remained in camp. [illegible]

[illegible] March 21. [illegible] Ind., [illegible]

An alarm on our Lines. Troops sleep on arms.

Monday March 22. Cloudy but pleasant. Troops ordered into line at daybreak. Relieved from duty and return to camp. Visit the city on a pass, have quite a pleasant time. The 8 and 16 left for Vicksburg today.

Tuesday March 23. Rained all day. On guard again. Have no trouble today whatever. Sorry to learn that the Rebels in the north are making preparation to resist the draft. They will suffer.

Wednesday March 24. Weather cloudy with rain. Staid in town and wrote two letters. Went to theatre. The play was beautiful.

Thursday March 25. Weather pleasant. On guard. Nothing of interest occured today. Went to the theatre again. The play was not so good as last night. Col. Morgan had camp moved to a nice position east of the old one. Pitched our new tents.

Friday March 26. Weather very pleasant. Returned to camp, which is a very nice one, but farther from the city than the former one. Went to the city this evening. Visited the theatre again. The play was a fine one.

Saturday March 27. Cloudy with some rain. On guard in city. Heavy storm with wind and rain, visited us at 11 P.M. (Author's notation: "A mistake in dates was made. This should be Friday.)

Saturday March 28. Cloudy with drizzling rain. Return to camp and found my bedfellow, J. W. Roberts, very sick with pneumonia.

Sunday March 29. Cloudy and cool. On duty on Main Street guarding confiscated property. Took dinner with Mr. App on Shelby Street, supper with Mrs. Sulivan of Gayoza St. No news.

Monday March 30. Clear and cool and windy. (Two lines crossed out) Time passed pleasantly. Remained in camp all day.

Tuesday March 31. Weather clear, cool but windy. On duty in city. Dust has begun to fly and is very disagreeable. Went to a Negro Ball, had a very fine time among them. Eatables and so

Wednesday April 1. Weather clear and warm. Went to funeral on Vance Street. One of Mr. Steeles family. Returned to camp in evening.

Thursday April 2. Warm but very dusty. Orderly in city again. Succeeded in arresting a notorious scoundrel, a deserter from an Ohio regiment. Went to a dance on 3rd. Street. Returned to quarters at midnight.

Friday April 3. Clear and pleasant. Returned to camp in morning. Spent the day in reading and writing.

Saturday April 4. Warm and pleasant. Was awakened this morning by the rattle of musketry along our picket lines. Went to the city and during the day, we learned that the Rebels had retired.

Sunday April 5. Very warm. Easter Sunday. Remained in camp nearly all day. Passed time in writing letters and so. Hear nothing further from the Rebels.

Monday April 6. Weather warm and fair. Went to the city on a pass. Returned in evening. Went to the Bank of Memphis to guard Pay Master. No news today.

Tuesday April 7. Very warm. Returned to camp early. Was arrested on a false charge and was acquitted. No news from below.

Wednesday April 8. Warm and very dusty. Went to the city on another pass, where I remained until P.M. when I returned to camp.

Thursday April 9. State of weather same as last week. On duty at General Hurlburtis Headquarters. Have a pleasant time.

Friday April 10. No change in weather or other affairs in the city. I remained in camp all day. Nothing occured worthy of note.

Saturday April 11. Heavy showers of rain. Was in city on duty. It rained without ceasing all afternoon. The dust was laid and mud soon took its place. Cleared off during the night.

Sunday April 12. The sun rose clear and a beautiful morning followed. All nature seemed changed after the refreshing showers of yesterday. Spent the day walking around, both in the city and the country.

Monday April 13. Cloudy with considerable rain. On duty within city. Nothing occured of importance. The streets are a mass of mud again.

Tuesday April 14. Cloudy with rain. Was awakened by the cry of "fire"I I hastened to the spot where the destroying agent was raging. Three fire engines were at work on it, but two buildings were entirely destroyed before it was checked.

Wednesday April 15. Day fair. On duty again. Nothing occured worthy of notice. Day passed pleasantly.

Thursday April 16. Weather beautiful. Returned to camp early. Remained in quarters until evening when I visited some friends on the corner of L & M Streets.

Friday April 17. Weather continues very fine. On duty again. Times in the city is very dull. Expect the Pay Master every day. Jos. ~~Schosfeld~~ Schoenfeld arrived from Indiana.

Saturday April 18. Day was unusually warm. Day passed in camp very pleasantly. Was visited by a heavy thunderstorm at 8 P.M.

Sunday April 19. Morning dawned with a clear sky. In the city on duty guarding confiscated property. Nothing occured to change the regular line of duty. Hear the Federals have landed between Fort Hudson and Vicksburg.

Monday April 20. Day was beautiful. Returned to camp early where I remained all day. Time passed pleasantly in reading and writing. Hear that General Grant's army is crossing the river below Vicksburg.

Tuesday April 21. Cloudy with light showers of rain. Mounted guard but was relieved to receive four months pay. Went to city in evening. Posted at South Street. Mr. I. G. is imprisioned there.

Wednesday April 22. Pleasant and very warm. Spent the day in city. Visited Mr. G. in morning and evening. Considerable fighting at Hernando. Major Hays killed. Hear nothing further.

Thursday April 23. Very warm. On duty at Shelby Sreet guard station. We have no news worthy of mention. Visit Mr. G. Nothing of importance transpired.

Friday April 24. Rained nearly the entire day. Everything very dull. No news from the Hernando fight. Some Confederate prisioners arrived from the scenes of action.

Saturday April 25. Very warm. Mounted camp guard at 8 A.M., but received orders to strike tent and proceed to Irvin Block to relieve Companys G & H. We arrived at the Block at 1 P.M., when I learned that Mr. G. was released. No news. Heavy hail.

Sunday April 26. Cloudy with rain. On duty guarding prisioners. Do not like the change. The duty here is more fatigueing, more stringent. Cape Giradeau reported taken by Confederates. No news from below.

Monday April 27. Cloudy with some rain. Day spent in putting our quarters in order. Learn that 8 vessels ran the blockade at Vicksburg on the 22nd. 104 C.S. prisioners shipped north and 80 more arrive.

Tuesday April 28. Weather pleasant. On duty. Nothing occured worthy of note.

Wednesday April 29. No change in weather. No news from foreign parts. Capt. ~~John~~ Stars accidentally shoots Frank ~~Bedis~~ Bodier of Company A. 25 Ind. Johnston

Thursday April 30. Was a beautiful day. Learned that Marmaduke was repulsed at Cape Giradeau. Nothing farther.

Friday May 1. Was a very fine day. The first day of this beautiful monthe was celebrated in fine style by the school children of this city. I passed the day pleasantly rambling in the suburbs of this fine city.

Saturday May 2. Was visited by fine showers in the evening. Was on duty the entire day. Have no news whatever. Visited G--, and passed a pleasant evening.

Sunday May 3. Very fine day. Went to church in morning. Was placed in arrest for being found without a pass. No news.

Monday May 4. Heavy rain in evening. On duty. Six convicts escaped from cellar where they were chained.

Tuesday May 5. Weather very fine. One of the escaped prisioners was recaptured. Trouble expected.

Wednesday May 6. Cool and cloudy. Was arrested in morning and confined to my room, charged with aiding prisioners to escape. Was placed in cellar at 3 P.M. Passed the night pleasantly.

Thursday May 7. Cool and cloudy. Still in the cellar. Ten of Co., E are now in with me. No prospect of a trial soon. News favorable from Gen. Hooker in Virginia.

Friday May 8. Changeable. Company E & K were relieved by three companies from the 120th Illinois. I made my escape from the prision, got supper and returned. 27 other prisioners escape.

Saturday May. 9. Very pleasant. Companies E & K returned at daylight. Was released this morning spent the day rambling through the city. News unfavorable from Virginia.

Sunday May 10. Very warm. On duty, passed the day pleasantly. An Extra came out stating that Gen. Stoneman had taken Richmond. It wants confirmation.

Monday May 11. Extreme heat. Spent day strolling about the city. Visited Mr. Folger, who in company with myself visited the Regiment and saw them have batallion drill. Witnessed a bad accident.

Tuesday May 12. Very warm. Witnessed a celebration of the fire companies. About 75 Confederate prisioners arrive from Corinth. Nothing new from Hooker.

Wednesday May 13. Very warm. Feeling unwell today. I remained in quarters. No news.

Thursday May 14. Warm and dusty. On duty. We have no news today. Fourth Division started for Vicksburg. Went to a Ball on Beal Street.

Friday May 15. Warm and very dusty. Spent the day as usual. Went to camp and witnessed the Regimental Dress Parade. A. F. Walker returned from Indianapolis with new Regimental colors.

Saturday May 16. Warm with much dust. On duty. Was detailed to Headquarters, where I removed to in afternoon. We have no news.

Sunday May 17. No change in weather. Nothing of importance occured today. In the evening after my duties were over, I visited some friends in the city. Spent the evening pleasantly. No news.

Monday May 18. No change in weather or affairs. No news.

Tuesday May 19. Weather same. Received intelligence that an attact had been made on our lines at Collierville. Everything is in readiness for them here.

Wednesday May 20. Weather still the same. The Regiment was in line at 7 in the morning. Nothing further from Collierville.

Thursday May 21. Still no change. Need rain very badly. Some Negroes were fired on by Rebels just outside our lines, which caused an alarm. No news.

Friday May 22. No change or news.

Saturday May 23. Nothing of importance occured on this, or the 3 following days.

Wednesday May 27. Still the weather is very warm and the streets are covered with dust in great quantities. News from Vicksburg is very encouraging.

Thursday May 28. Expect a furlough every day, as I have been recommended for one. Five thousand C.S.A. soldiers arrived on transports from Vicksburg. A gun boat attended them.

Friday May 29. We have no late news from Vicksburg. Every thing remains quiet around Memphis.

Saturday May 30. We were visited this morning with a fine rain, which was welcomed by every person. Things look more lively than for a long time. Gen. Hurlburt's late order has created a great excitement among the civilians of Memphis.

Sunday May 31. Day was beautiful. Kept in camp all day by continual duties, but late in the evening I took a stroll and passed a few pleasant hours with some Memphis ladies. Have not heard from my furlough papers.

Monday June 1, 1863. Day very warm, but not disagreeable. So staid closely to Headquarters all day. Have given up all hopes of going home now. News from Vicksburg is still encouraging. Col. Barton of 24th Ind. with us. He received a severe wound in the head at Vicksburg.

Tuesday June 2. No news whatever. Everything very dull. A rumor in camp that 25th was to be mounted.

Wednesday June 3. Wounded from Vicksburg continue to arrive. Hear that Hooker is falling back on Washington.

Thursday June 4. No change in weather. No news. Spent the entire day at my quarters.

Friday June 5. We had a refreshing shower of rain last night. The Evansville band gave us a serenade in honor of the Hoosier boys. Time spent pleasantly. Boys were in high spirits occasioned by several barrels of beer rolled out to men by the Col.

Saturday June 6. This day was celebrated by a union procession as the 1st. anniversary of the capture of Memphis. I did not witness it, having staid at home while all the hdqtrs. went to enjoy the scene.

Sunday June 7. Dry, warm but beautiful. Remained in quarters. Heard that Burnside's army are embarking at Cairo. All of Gen. Washburn's cavalry here has orders to embark for below.

Monday June 8. Heard that a Negro regt. com'd. by Col. Daniels of Indiana captured a heavy battery at Fort Hudson, with the loss of six hundred out of nine hundred. It is not credited.

Tuesday June 9. Rained the entire day. Was buisily engaged all day and did not wish to stir around. Smith's Division left on transports for below.

Wednesday June 10. Day was cloudy. 2nd. Wis. comp., broke camp and went aboard transports. No news from Vicksburg.

Thursday June 11. Day fair. Remained in camp. No news whatever.

Friday June 12. Day very warm. Spent large portion of the day in the city. Hear of our engagements at Milliken Bend.

Saturday June 13. Very warm. Gen. Burnside's corps of eastern troops lie at our landing. They are a curiosity to some people. Spent the evening in the city.

Sunday June 14. Was unusually warm. Passed much of the day in city. No news from Vicksburg. Hear of a battle in Virginia between Hooker and the Stewart Cavalry.

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[illegible]

Sunday June 22. [illegible] very good and well attended.

Monday June 23. No change in [illegible]. [illegible]

Tuesday, June 24. On duty. [illegible] Hindman's [illegible] to [illegible] doing much damage. They [illegible] at his [illegible]. [illegible] depot [illegible] by [illegible]. [illegible] here.

Wednesday June 25. Rained the entire day. Spent the [illegible] in caught about fifty pounds of fish, [illegible] to [illegible]. So much for [illegible].

Thursday June 26. Cloudy and rain. [illegible] in [illegible] terminated disastrously to the soldiers, [illegible] one of the [illegible] with the loss of nearly a [illegible] of their [illegible].

Friday June 27. [illegible] portends.

Saturday June 28. Cloudy with some rain. On duty. [illegible].

Sunday June 29. Rains in morning. Went to church [illegible]. [illegible] delightful sermon. [illegible] entertained that [illegible]. [illegible] cavalry is in the vicinity of [illegible].

Monday June 30. Day very warm. [illegible] arrived from Vicksburg. [illegible] Fort [illegible].

Tuesday June 31. Had clear weather. [illegible] one mile [illegible] in company with [illegible]. Took [illegible].

Wednesday July 1. Very warm. On duty [illegible]

Thursday July 2. Extremly warm. This day passed as usual. Nothing occurred worthy of note. All quiet at Memphis.

Friday July 3. Hot, with showers in evening. Was humid in morning. Took walk through the camp, southeast from city.

Saturday July 4. Weather was extremely warm. Left city early in morning, visited Mr. B's in company with Mr. Folger. Returned in evening. Went to the Theater. Performance was grand, ending with The Star Spangled Banner.

Sunday July 5. Rained nearly all day. Was on duty and did not attend Devine service. Helena was attacted yesterday by Gen. Price, but was repulsed with heavy loss.

Monday July 6. Very warm. A dispatch was received by Gen. Hurlburt, stating that on the Fourth of July Vicksburg surrendered, unconditionally, to the army of United States, under Grant.

Tuesday July 7. Very warm. The reported capture of Vicksburg confirmed. Thirty thousand prisioners, fifteen Generals and two hundred and twelve pieces of artillery. All prisioners were paroled.

Wednesday July 8. Still continues warm. Great battle fought at Gettysburg, Penn. Federals victorious. Take ten thousand prisioners. Loss on both sides terrible. We lost thirteen generals, killed, wounded or taken prisioners. The city was illuminated.

Thursday July 9. No change in weather. News from east is gratifying. Lee is in bad fis, and is retreating. Great battle is expected soon. No news from Fort Hudson.

Friday July 10. Dry, extremly warm. News from all points encouraging. Great many wounded men arrive from Vicksburg, both Confederates and Federals.

Saturday July 11. Cloudy and cool. Receive nothing late from below. General Foster with force of cavalry succeeded in reaching Gen. Lee's rear, and done much damage. Captured and burnt 400 wagons.

Sunday July 12. Weather cool and cloudy. Recommendations for furloughs are sent in. Remained in camp or quarters all day and walked out after dark. A report is circulating that the 25th is going to Utah.

Monday July 13. Cloudy with cold drizzling rain. Good news from below. Fort Hudson captured, also Little Rock with 11,000 prisioners. Gen. Lee is unable to cross the Potomic. Mead is close in his rear. Gen. Morgan invaded Indiana with 6000 troops. Great excitement.

Tuesday July 14. No news from below. Morgan still in Indiana. Great excitement among the citizens. All are arming and preparing to give battle.

Wednesday July 15. Very warm. The capture of Fort Hudson confirmed. Mead persues Lee. Troops are all sanguine of success.

Thursday July 16. Unusually warm. Received furlough and started for God's land at 6 A.M. Sailed up the river with ease on board the Steamer Continental.

Friday July 17. Quite cool. We passed Fort Pillow, New Madrid. Island No. 10 we passed at four P.M. We were not troubled with Guerillas.

TUESDAY 7.

Very warm
Pm. reported capture
of Vicksburgh, confirmed
Mighty thousand prisoners
fifteen Generals, and
two hundred and twelve
pieces of artillery
All the prisoners
were paroled

WEDNESDAY 8.

Still continues warm
Great battle fought at
Gettysburgh Genl. Federals
victorious, take ten thousand
prisoners, loss on both
sides was terrible,
We lost thirteen Gunboats
rebels surrounded our
prisoners, City was Illumined

THURSDAY 9.

No change in the
weather,
News from Mississippi
Gratifying, Lee in a tight
hole fight and retreating
Great Battle expected soon
No news from Port Hudson

FRIDAY 10.

Day extremely warm
News from all points
encouraging,
Great many wounded
arrive from Vicksburgh
both Confederates and
Federals,

SATURDAY 11.

Cloudy and Cool
On duty,
Heard nothing late
from Johnson, Gen Foster
with a force of cavalry
succeeded in routing
Gen Lee's, cavalry and done
much damage, captured
and burnt four hundred wagons

MONDAY 12.

Weather Cool and
Cloudy, Recommendations
for furloughs, we send
in, remained in camp on
Picquet all day, weather
cool - expect Draft, in Reports
is circulating 25th is Going to Utah

[illegible]

Sunday July 16. Very warm. [illegible] A.M. [illegible] took dinner [illegible] for El[illegible] at 3 P.M., arrived there at 5 P.M. PM

[illegible] before [illegible] country.

Monday July 17. Another pleasant day. Day passed quite pleasantly. Stayed for dinner at 3 P.M. arrived home at dark. Very much surprised to see me, and I was glad to hear from home.

Tuesday July 18. Another pleasant day. Took leave of sister and in company with J.H. went to Huntingdon. Took dinner with Dr. ~~[illegible]~~ BEELER and started for Dale at 3 P.M. with Mr. [illegible]. Went to church at night.

Wednesday July 19. [illegible] weather. Went to church at 10 A.M. Visited George [illegible] Uncle Thos. Metcalf and family. Went to Jno. Whitlock, [illegible]. We took a lunch in the morning and returned at 10 A.M., without incident.

Thursday July 20. Spent day at home. Was called upon in evening by a couple of young ladies. Attended prayer meeting at night. One [illegible] spending the largest portion of the night pleasantly, I retired.

Friday July 24. Day was very warm. Spent the morning as usual. Went to Grandview in afternoon. Took supper with Mr. G. Niblack. Stayed with Mr. C. Davison. Time passed pleasantly. No news.

Saturday July 25. Rained very hard all night. Day was very warm and made our trip back, anything but agreeable. Mr. Robrens paid us a visit. Went to church at night in company with [illegible], S. I., J. H. and [illegible]. Mr. Green preached a fine sermon.

Sunday July 26. Day was quite warm. Went to church in the morning. Attended church at night with Miss [illegible]. Day passed quite pleasantly. Had a plenty of company through the entire day. J. & F. Williams took their departure.

Monday July 27. Day very warm. Did not attend school this morning. Took dinner with Mr. D. Turnham. Took a stroll through the city in company with Miss L. Thorn. Meeting closed this morning.

Tuesday July 28. Very warm. Accompanied Miss Sheppard to Cove Springs. Put up at Mr. Geo. Davesons. Had quite a pleasant time. Enjoyed a visit finely. News that John Morgan is captured.

Wednesday July 29. Again rain with signs of rain. [illegible] home in the buggy. Returned to Elizabeth where I arrived at one P.M. Made some preparation for our visit to J. P. Williams on the morrow.

Thursday July 30. Rained last night. Roads very muddy. Started home back in company with Father and [illegible] for Huntingdon. Arrived at home at [illegible] A.M. Drilled the Home Guard in the evening.

Friday July 31. Very warm with some signs of rain. [illegible] Father left for [illegible]. Improved [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Very [illegible] went to the Fisher [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] effective [illegible] Took [illegible]

[illegible] at home nearly all day [illegible] Springboro. Passed the evening quite pleasantly.

Tuesday Aug. 5. Still warm. [illegible] made a visit. [illegible] passed the evening quite pleasantly, in company with the young ladies [illegible] Elliotts, where I took supper.

Wednesday Aug. 6. Fine rain. Remained home nearly all day. Some visitors called on us. We went to prayer meeting at night.

Thursday Aug. 7. Warm with some indications of rain. Home is the best place so I concluded to stay at home this day, or the greater part of it. Went to attend thanksgiving service in the morning and prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday Aug. 8. Unusually warm. Celebration in Centerville. Arrived there [illegible]. City had a grand union procession and escorted a company [illegible] of the [illegible] to the stand, where speeches were delivered by Capt. [illegible] and [illegible]. Dinner was fine and I enjoyed myself hugely.

Saturday Aug. 9. [illegible] in the weather. [illegible] preparing for my departure, on the morrow. [illegible] money, badges, letters [illegible] to take to the boys. Took supper [illegible] in company [illegible] Springboro. Retired at 11 p.m.

Sunday Aug. 10. Extremely warm. The last night of my stay in [illegible] town. [illegible] for Cincinnati in morning. I must say that I have enjoyed my furlough beyond expectation. Good Bye to [illegible].

The End

THE TWENTY FIFTH REGIMENT OF INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, Vol. II, Page 249. From 1861 to 1865, and supplied by the Indiana State Library, and condensed by Claud McDaniel of Amarillo, Texas, on June 7, 1959.

Organized in Evansville, July 17, 1861. Mustered into service for a three year period August 19, moved to St. Louis on the 26 of August and on September 14 on to Jefferson City, Missouri and from thence to Georgetown. In October the regiment participated in Fremont's march to Springfield, Missouri and returned to Otterville, 240 miles in 16 days, with 2 days rest. Remained in vicinity of Otterville and Lamine River bridge until December.

Participate In Capturing 1500 Rebels In Missouri.

With Pope's Division south of Warrensburg, capturing 1700 Rebels on the Blackwater on December 19. Marched prisoners to Sedalia and thence by rail to St Louis where the 25th quartered in Benton Barracks until February 2, 1862.

Into Tennessee And Major Action.

Took transports for move against Fort Donaldson on Tennessee River. Reaching Fort Henry on the 11th, the regiment marched to Fort Donaldson on the 12th and joined the attack on the 13th of February. Forced to fall back with 16 killed and 81 wounded. Two days later 4 were wounded in storming the Fort. The regiment occupied the captured Fort.

On To Pittsburg Landing And Shiloh.

March 5. Embarked on transports at Fort Henry and moved up river to Pittsburg Landing. Disembarking there on the 18 and going into camp. On the 6th of April the regiment joined the 2 day battle of Shiloh, with 27 killed and 122 wounded. Col James C. Veatch (Rockport) appointed Brigadier General and Lt. Col. W. H. Morgan (Greenfordville) appointed Colonel.

Into Mississippi.

The regiment took part in the seige of Corinth, Mississippi, until its evacuation, then returned and occupied Grand Junction, Tenn., on June 10. After about 30 days the regiment moved toward Memphis arriving on July 21. Remained there, chasing Guerrillas and scouting until September 6, when it moved toward Bolivar, Tennessee.

Cut Off Van Dorn's Retreat Route From Corinth.

With Hulbut's Division, the regiment moved to cut off Price's and Van Dorn's retreat from Corinth. On October 5, met and defeated the enemy at Hatchie River in Tennessee. (Battle also known as Hatchie Bridge.) The enemy was compelled to retreat another route. Loss was 3 killed and 76 wounded.

The Davis Mills Action.

Returning to Bolivar, they marched on into northern Mississippi, stationed six companies, (see diary Dec. 21) at Davis Mills on Wolf River. Remaining companies guarding communications between Grand Junction and Holly Springs. Col. Morgan commanding the six companies mentioned, was attacked on December 21, by Van Dorn with a large force of mounted infantry. Enemy was driven off with loss of 23 dead, many wounded and prisioners. Col. Morgan's loss was only three slightly wounded.

(Note: The 25th was congratulated by Gen. Grant, in general orders following this battle. See pages 521-523 Vol. XVII, Series I. Official Records of War of Rebellion.)

From Davis Mills the regiment moved into Memphis on January 14, 1863, where it was placed on provost duty until November, when it marched to Grand Junction to guard the railroad to Moscow, Tennessee.

(Note: The nineteen year old seasoned soldier Daniel Hughes, made final entry in his diary on August 9, 1863, barely eleven months after starting it on October 13, the previous year. This entry tells of his departure from his beloved "Betsy Ann", New Dale, Indiana, to return to his regiment in Memphis, Tennessee. One is struck with the fact that this period covers only one fourth of the span of service given his country.)

From Memphis the regiment moved down the river to join Sherman's army on the raid through Mississippi and return. Was in skirmish at Marion Station.

Re-Enlist in Body.

The regiment re-enlisted at Canton, Mississippi on the 23th of February 1864, having completed the three year period of the initial enlistment. Returning via Vicksburg to Indianapolis on March 21, at the expiration of its veteran furlough, the regiment left Evansville on April 24 for Decatur, Alabama, where it remained till August 4, participating in several skirmishes with Roddy's Rebel Cavalry.

Join Atlanta Attact.

By rail it joined the Fourth Division of the 16th Army Corps, before Atlanta and engaged in the siege of that stronghold, from the 8th to the 26th of August 1864. Three killed, six wounded and four were taken prisions. Marched around Atlanta to Jonesboro. Two wounded

there. After occupation of Atlanta, regiment rested till October 5, then formed part of pursuing force sent northward after Hood's army. Attacked Rebels at Snake Creek Gap on October 15, driving them off. Loss 3 killed and 14 wounded. Went to Galesville, Alabama and returned to Atlanta in time to take part in Sherman's "March to Sea."

Take Savannah And Destroy Railroad.

Leave Atlanta November 15, arrive before Savannah December 9th, and join in the investment of the city till December 14th, with loss of 9 men wounded. Assisted in destroying railroads from Altamaha River to the Ogeechee River, (forty miles) near Fort McAllister. Back to Savannah from December 22nd. to January 4th, 1865.

Turn North Through Carolinas.

With the 17th Army Corps on transports to Beaufort, South Carolina and then to Pocotaligo. On January 30, resumed march to Goldsboro, North Carolina. During this march the regiment was engaged as follows: River Bridge February 2 and 3. Ten wounded, 1 captured. Sinks's Bridge on the South Edisto River on the 9, Fayetteville, N. C. on March 11, killing 5 Rebels, with no loss to regiment. Battle at Bentonville on March 19, 2 killed, 18 wounded and 2 missing.

Much Marching.

On March 24, the regiment arrived at Goldsboro, having marched five hundred miles in fifty four days. Marching thence to Raleigh, it remained there until the surrender of Johnson's army and started to Washington via Petersburg, Richmond and Fredricksburg, arriving there May 17. On June 5 was transferred to Louisville, Kentucky, going into camp on June 10.

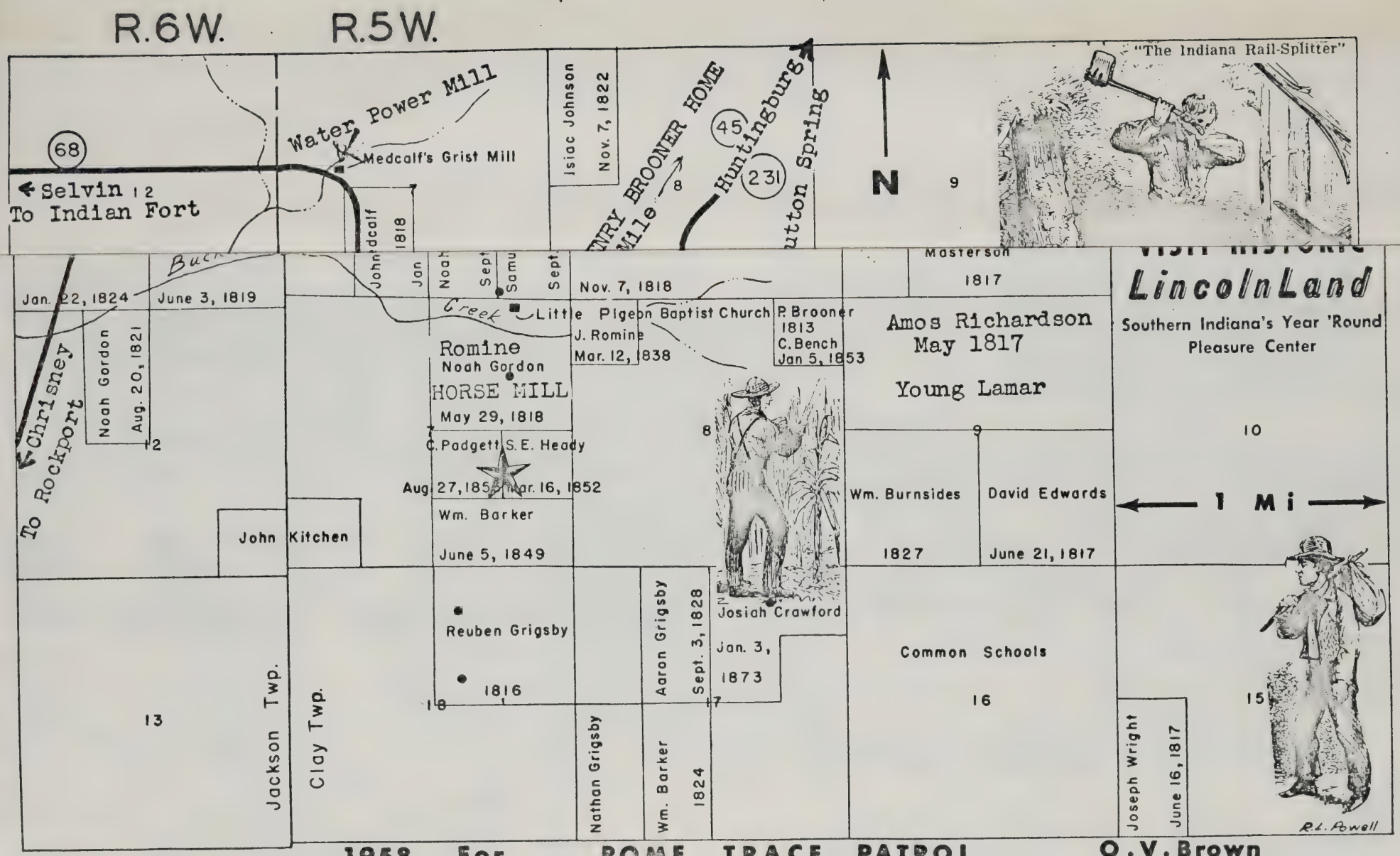
Mustered Out; Received on Indiana Capitol Grounds.

Mustered out of service July 17, with 26 officers and 460 men. Arrived in Indianapolis July 16. Jubilely received in Capitol grounds by Governor Conrad Baker, Lt. Governor Gen. Morey and others. Finally discharged.

The Twenty Fifth Regiment was engaged in 18 battles and skirmishes, had 76 killed, 235 wounded, 4 missing, 17 captured, making a total of 352.

Marched on foot 3000 miles, traveled by rail 1850 miles, on transports 3430 miles, totaling in all 8280 miles.

Original organization mustered 1096 men and officers, and received subsequently 686 recruits. Of these 391 have died of disease or wounds, 595 were discharged on account of wounds, disability and other causes, 37 have been transferred and 133 deserted.



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